International Political Economy Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. **Analyze** the **interdependence** of global politics and economics.
2. **Evaluate** the impact of **geopolitical shifts** on international trade agreements.
3. **Understand** the role of **multilateral institutions** like the WTO and IMF.
4. **Identify** and **mitigate political risk** in foreign direct investment (FDI).
5. **Examine** the causes and consequences of **financial crises**.
6. **Assess** the effects of **monetary policy** and **exchange rates** on global markets.
7. **Explore** the challenges of **economic development** and inequality.
8. **Formulate strategic policy recommendations** based on IPE principles.
9. **Deconstruct** the dynamics of **trade liberalization** and **protectionism**.
10. **Analyze** the political economy of **global supply chains**.
11. **Grasp** the nuances of **international debt** and **capital flows**.
12. **Compare** and **contrast** different **IPE theoretical frameworks**.
13. **Anticipate** future trends in the **global economic order**.

Organizational Benefits

- Improve the ability to forecast geopolitical risks and capitalize on economic opportunities in international markets.
- Develop a deeper understanding of political and financial risks, enabling more robust risk mitigation strategies.
- Gain insights into how political factors affect global supply chains, market access, and regulatory environments.
- Cultivate a workforce capable of navigating complex international negotiations and policy landscapes.
- Leverage a sophisticated understanding of IPE to identify new market opportunities and outmaneuver competitors.

Target Audience

1. Government Officials and Diplomats
2. Corporate Strategists and Business Leaders
3. Financial Analysts and Economists
4. International Relations Professionals
5. Policy Analysts and Advisors

6. NGO and International Organization Staff
7. Journalists and Academics specializing in global affairs
8. Mid-career professionals seeking to transition into international roles.

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Module 1: Foundations of International Political Economy

- Understanding IPE: The core theories of mercantilism, liberalism, and Marxism.
- Actors and Institutions: The roles of states, multinational corporations (MNCs), and civil society.
- Theories of Globalization: Examining the drivers and consequences of global economic integration.
- Historical Context: Analyzing the Bretton Woods system and its legacy.
- **Case Study:** The rise of China and its challenge to the US-led global economic order.

Module 2: The Politics of International Trade

- Trade Theory and Policy: Comparative advantage vs. protectionism debates.
- Global Trade Governance: The role and challenges of the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- Regionalism vs. Multilateralism: The impact of regional trade agreements (e.g., EU, USMCA).
- Trade and Development: Analyzing how trade policies affect developing countries.
- **Case Study:** The US-China trade war and its global economic repercussions.

Module 3: Global Financial Systems & Monetary Power

- International Monetary Relations: Exchange rate regimes and the role of central banks.
- Global Financial Governance: The functions of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.
- Capital Flows and Investment: The political dynamics of foreign direct investment (FDI) and portfolio investment.
- Sovereign Debt Crises: The causes, effects, and political responses to national debt defaults.
- **Case Study:** The 2008 Global Financial Crisis and the political response by major powers.

Module 4: Geopolitics and Political Risk

- Assessing Political Risk: Methodologies for identifying and analyzing political instability.
- Sanctions and Economic Warfare: The use of economic tools for political coercion.
- Energy and Resource Politics: The geopolitical struggle for control over critical resources.
- Emerging Powers: The IPE implications of the rise of new economic centers.
- **Case Study:** The political and economic consequences of the Russia-Ukraine conflict on global energy markets.

Module 5: Development and Inequality

- Theories of Development: From modernization to dependency theory.
- Aid and Foreign Assistance: The political motivations behind foreign aid.
- Global Inequality: The political economy of wealth distribution and poverty.
- Sustainable Development: The intersection of IPE with climate change and environmental issues.
- **Case Study:** The political economy of debt and development in sub-Saharan Africa.

Module 6: International Production and Global Value Chains

- The MNC in IPE: The political power and influence of multinational corporations.

- Global Supply Chains: The political vulnerabilities and security of production networks.
- Labor and Globalization: The political economy of international labor standards and migration.
- Technology and Innovation: The role of intellectual property and technology transfer in IPE.
- **Case Study:** The global semiconductor shortage and its geopolitical implications.

Module 7: The Future of IPE

- Digital Political Economy: The impact of technology on global finance and trade.
- The Future of the US Dollar: Examining challenges to its status as the world's reserve currency.
- Economic Nationalism: Analyzing the resurgence of protectionist policies.
- Global Public Goods: The political challenges of cooperation on climate and pandemics.
- **Case Study:** The debate over digital currencies and their potential to reshape global finance.

Module 8: Practical Application & Case Study Workshop

- Policy Analysis Simulation: Participants work in groups to analyze a contemporary IPE issue.
- Risk Assessment Exercise: Applying course concepts to a real-world business scenario.
- Negotiation & Diplomacy: Role-playing exercises based on international trade negotiations.
- Debating Current Events: Discussion of recent geopolitical and economic headlines.
- **Case Study:** A deep dive into the political economy of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Training Methodology

This course employs a **blended learning approach** that combines interactive, instructor-led sessions with practical application. The methodology includes:

- **Expert Lectures & Presentations:** Delivering core concepts and theoretical frameworks.
- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitating hands-on exercises and group discussions.
- **In-depth Case Studies:** Analyzing real-world events to apply IPE theories.
- **Policy Simulations & Role-Playing:** Allowing participants to experience the complexities of international negotiations and decision-making.
- **Q&A and Debates:** Fostering critical thinking and diverse perspectives.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Encouraging collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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